



6/25/03

CONFERENCE REPORTS

SB 234 (Hammerstrom)

SB 460 (Patterson)

BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD REFORM

SB 234:

- The Senate adopted the Conference Report to SB 234 [RC 294: 34 yes, 3 no (GOP)]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.

SB 460:

- The Senate adopted the Conference Report to SB 460 [RC 295: 34 yes, 3 no (GOP)]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

SB 236 (Hammerstrom)

SB 237 (Stamas)

SB 238 (JACOBS)

BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD REFORM

SB 236:

- SB 236 was sent back to committee from whence they came.

SB 237:

- SB 237 was sent back to committee from whence they came.

SB 238:

- Hammerstrom 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC].
- The Senate concurred with the House changes to SB 238, as amended by the Senate [RC 298: 35 yes, 1 no (George)].

FINAL PASSAGE

SB 535 (Birkholz)

SB 536 (Allen)

Senate Bill 535 would require the Secretary of State to sell (voluntary) Great Lakes Protection specialty watercraft decals. The decal would cost \$35 and be valid for three years.

- **SB 535 passed [RC 291: 37 yes, 0 no].**

Senate Bill 536 would require the Secretary of State to forward \$25 from each decal sold to the State Treasurer for deposit into the Michigan Great Lakes Protection Fund, and to retain \$10 as reimbursement for the cost of creating and distributing the decals. The money from the sale of the decals would have to be used for public education on the threat of aquatic nuisance species, and on efforts to eradicate them from the Great Lakes and other waters of the State.

- **SB 536 passed [RC 292: 37 yes, 0 no].**

HB 4280 (Robertson)

HB 4281 (Farhat)

BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD REFORM

HB 4280:

- **Hammerstrom 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC].**
- **HB 4280 was moved to 3rd Reading.**
- **HB 4280 passed with IE [RC 296: 35 yes, 1 no (George)].**

HB 4281:

- **Hammerstrom 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC].**
- **HB 4281 was moved to 3rd Reading.**
- **HB 4281 passed with IE [RC 297: 36 yes, 0 no].**

HB 4657 (Nitz)

House Bill 4657 deletes gasoline containing 10% or less “ethanol” from the list of required additives that must be posted on retail fuel pumps. Posting of the ethanol additive has led to confusion. Many consumers do not realize that a 10% ethanol blend is acceptable for use in most vehicles and will not purchase it. Consumers view the label on gas pumps as a warning, not as informational. Eliminating this posting requirement will allow gas stations to “blend up” and use ethanol in other grades (mid-grade and premium) of gasoline than just regular.

The Department of Agriculture is neutral. The Department of Transportation is opposed.

Support: Michigan Agri-Business Association, Michigan Ethanol, Michigan Farm Bureau, Michigan Corn Growers.

- **HB 4657 passed with IE [RC 290: 28 yes, 9 no].**

HB 4818 (Hummel)

The bill would require an individual applying for a permit to carry a concealed weapon (CCW), who requested that fingerprints be taken by a local police agency rather than the county sheriff, to pay a \$15 fee to that local agency. The bill would take effect on July 1, 2003.

- **HB 4818 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.**

- HB 4818 passed with IE [RC 293: 37 yes 0 no].

THIRD READING

HB 4125 (MURPHY)

HB 4126 (MURPHY)

HB 4479 (GLEASON)

House Bill 4125 would: 1) specify that an anatomical gift made by a will or a document of gift would not be revocable after the death of the donor. 2) Authorize a designated patient advocate to make a gift of all or part of a deceased person's body. 3) Give a patient advocate priority over the other individuals who may make anatomical gifts on behalf of another. 4) Add driver's licenses and State personal identification cards to acceptable documents making an anatomical gift. 5) Require the signature of at least one witness (rather than the signatures of two witnesses) on a document making an anatomical gift.

- HB 4125 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.

House Bill 4126 would permit an individual making a patient advocate designation to include in it the authority for the advocate to make an anatomical gift of all or part of the individual's body.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC].
- HB 4126 was moved to 3rd Reading.

House Bill 4479 would specify that, if an individual had made an anatomical gift of all or part of his or her body, the gift would not be revocable upon the donor's death and a hospital representative would not be required to make a request for consent to the gift.

- HB 4479 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.

HB 4133 (LaJoy)

HB 4224 (JAMNICK)

The bills would allow a county road commission, a township board, and the Director of the Department of State Police unanimously to establish a speed limit on a county highway.

HB 4133:

- HB 4133 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.

HB 4224:

- HB 4224 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.

HB 4154 (Casperson)

This bill would increase the length of "crib" truck/trailer combinations and revise tie-down requirements of such truck/trailer combinations.

Support: Timbermen's Association of Michigan, Lake States Lumber Association, Michigan-Wisconsin Timber Producers' Association, County Road Association of Michigan, Michigan Farm Bureau.

Oppose: MDOT.

- PRUSI 1 (1 amend) was adopted [no RC]. This places a weight limit of 164,000 pounds.
- HB 4154 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.

HB 4515 (Richardville)

HB 4516 (Amos)

HB 4517 (WOJNO)

The bills would: 1) Provide for the certification of local corrections officers, and establish the “Local Corrections Officers Training Fund” to defray the costs of training, certification, and continuing education of officers. 2) Provide for the approval of standards for the recruitment, training, and certification of officers. 3) Reduce the size of the Correctional Officer’s Training Council. 4) Require inmates to pay a \$12 fee upon admittance to a county jail to support the proposed Fund.

HB 4515:

- Committee 1 (S-1) was moved to 3rd Reading.
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HB 4516:

- HB 4516 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.

HB 4517:

- Committee 1 (S-1) was moved to 3rd Reading.
- Cropsey 1A was adopted [no RC]. This changes the effective date from 1/1/05 to 8/1/03.
- HB 4517 was moved to 3rd Reading.

HB 4524 (Ward)

The bill would replace a reference to the tax “expenditure” report with a reference to the tax “credit, deduction, and exemption” report.

- HB 4524 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.

RESOLUTIONS

SR 82 (Stamas)

A resolution to recommend the designation of US-23 from Standish to Mackinaw City as a heritage route.

- SR 82 was adopted [no RC].